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LANE CLOSURES ON I-215

REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2004

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will continue work on improvements to the 60-91-215 Interchange and Interstate 215 on Tuesday, March 24. Lane restrictions will be in effect during the night as the contractor prepares for construction, and may create delays. The closures are necessary to do striping work and install K-rail in preparation for freeway widening and bridge reconstruction.

The following closures are planned:

- On northbound I-215 between Chicago and Canyon Crest, traffic will be restricted to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on four successive nights: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday March 23 through 26, until 5 a.m. on Saturday, March 27.
- On southbound I-215 between Chicago and University, traffic will be restricted to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on four successive nights: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday March 23 through 26, until 5 a.m. on Saturday, March 27.

Long term closure of the carpool lane on I-215 between Blaine and University in both directions will be in effect for at least 15 months.





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This project's many improvements include widening I-215 from the interchange to past the 60-215 split, and reconstructing the existing bridges over the freeway. By widening the freeway, Caltrans will be able to extend the carpool lane from University to just west of the 60-215 split, where it will join a carpool lane currently under construction. Carpool lanes improve commute times for motorists, and spare the air.

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), a special team of tow trucks that travel on selected freeways during peak hours to assist drivers when their cars break down, will be active at this work location during construction. In addition to peak periods, the FSP will be available throughout the day to assist motorists who may become stranded in the area. The FSP is funded by Caltrans and the Riverside County Transportation Commission, and was created to keep Riverside County's freeways moving.

Motorists are advised to use caution and allow extra time, and as always, slow for the cone zone. The safety of roadway workers depends on the motoring public.

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